

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (withdrawn) An absorbent article comprising:
  - a liquid permeable top sheet,
  - an absorbent,
  - a water vapor permeable waterproof sheet,
  - a liquid impermeable back sheet,
  - a hydrophilic resin coating layer disposed between the absorbent and the water vapor permeable waterproof sheet, and
  - information mark layer disposed between the hydrophilic resin coating layer and the absorbent.
2. (withdrawn) The absorbent article as set forth in claim 1, characterized in that the water vapor permeable waterproof sheet is constituted by a sheet material in which a water vapor permeability on the basis of JIS Z-0208 method of test is  $7000 \text{ g/m}^2/24\text{h}$  or more.
3. (withdrawn) The absorbent article as set forth in claim 1, wherein the length and/or width of the hydrophilic resin coating layer is greater than the length and/or width of the information mark layer and wherein the information mark layer and the hydrophilic resin coating layer have a thickness of about  $1\mu\text{m}$  to about  $20\mu\text{m}$ .

4. (withdrawn) The absorbent article as set forth in claim 1, further comprising an ink layer disposed between the water vapor permeable waterproof sheet and the hydrophilic resin coating layer, wherein the ink layer is resistant to discoloration when exposed to water.

5. (withdrawn) The absorbent article as set forth in claim 1, wherein in the hydrophilic resin coating layer comprises an ultraviolet absorbents, ultraviolet scattering agent, light stabilizer or antioxidant.

6. (new) An absorbent article structured by integrally forming a liquid permeable top sheet, an absorbent, a water vapor permeable waterproof sheet, and a liquid impermeable back sheet, in this order, the absorbent article comprising:

a hydrophilic resin coating layer coupled with a first portion of the water vapor permeable waterproof sheet and separated from a second portion of the water vapor permeable waterproof sheet, a water vapor permeability of the first portion being lower than a water vapor permeability of the second portion; and

an information mark layer coupled with the hydrophilic resin coating layer.

7. (new) The absorbent article as set forth in claim 6, wherein the water vapor permeable waterproof sheet is constituted by a sheet material in which a water vapor permeability on the basis of JIS Z-0208 method of test is 7000 g/m<sup>2</sup>/24h or more.

8. (new) The absorbent article as set forth in claim 6, wherein a length and width of the hydrophilic resin coating layer is greater than a length and width of the information mark layer, and wherein the information mark layer and the hydrophilic resin coating layer have a thickness of 1 $\mu$ m to 20 $\mu$ m.

9. (new) The absorbent article as set forth in claim 6, further comprising an ink layer disposed between the water vapor permeable waterproof sheet and the hydrophilic resin coating layer, wherein the ink layer is resistant to discoloration when exposed to water.

10. (new) The absorbent article as set forth in claim 6, wherein the hydrophilic resin coating layer comprises an ultraviolet absorbent, ultraviolet scattering agent, light stabilizer or antioxidant.